(d) whether any expert in the water management will be associated with the group?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a), (b) and (d) The National Water Resources Council in its meeting held on 30th October 1985, has set up a Group under the Chairmanship of the Minister of Water Resources with the Union Ministers of Agriculture & Rural Development, Transport, Energy and Ministers of State for Environment and Forests, and Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh as Members to prepare a national water policy document for consideration by the Council. It is for the Group to decide regarding the need for obtaining the assistance of any expert in the field of water management.

(c) "Water" being a State subject, the State Governments have already distinctive power under the Constitutional provisions.

**Allotment of Land to Hospital for Mentally Retarded Persons in Ashok Vihar, New Delhi**

1384. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DDA has allotted a plot of land for hospital for mentally retarded persons in Ashok Vihar, Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact the same land was to be allotted for Nursery school in Ashok Vihar;

(c) whether it is a fact that the plot allotted for hospital includes a fully developed adjacent park; and

(d) whether any representation in this regard has been received by Government from the residents and if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) An area measuring 0.52 acres has been allotted by DDA to Permarth Mission for a dispensary/hospital. This includes a portion of the adjacent park and lands proposed to be allotted for nursery school.

(d) Yes, Sir. Some representations have been received and some residents have also filed a writ petition in the High Court of Delhi which has restrained the Mission from carrying on any construction activity on the plot allotted to them and the DDA from giving effect to modification of the layout plan.

**Amending of inter-state water Disputes Act**

1385. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government propose to amend inter-State Water Disputes Act and the River Boards Act; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to amend these Acts.

**Distribution of Foodgrains under the Integrated Rural Development Programme**

1386. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the schemes for the distribution of foodgrains under the Integrated Rural Development Programme to the workers at subsidised rates;

(b) how much quantity of such foodgrains and additional foodgrains have been given and distributed dur-

ing 1982 to 1985 in various districts of Gujarat;

(c) the names of Government, semi-Government and other agencies which have been entrusted the distribution work and the expendiure incurred by them during the above period; and

(d) what is the target for the distribution of the same for various Districts of Gujarat during the years 1986 and 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) Foodgrains at subsidised rates are distributed under the Rural Employment Programmes *i.e.* National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP), and not under Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP).

(b) Distribution of foodgrains at subsidised rates under rural employment programme was introduced from 16th January, 1984. A total quantity of 66,146.40 MTs. of foodgrains has been allocated so far since then to Gujarat under these programmes out of which the utilisation reported by the State Governments comes to 21,657.40 MTs. District-wise details are not maintained at Central level.

(c) The foodgrains under NREP/RLEGP are distributed in Gujarat mostly through Fair Price Shops established under Public Distribution System.

(d) For the year 1985-86 the target for distribution of foodgrains under rural employment pogramme in Gujarat is 46,945.40 MTs. Statewise allocations and target for distribution of foodgrains for the year 1986-87 have not been finalised.

**Schemes of the National Cooperative Development Corporation**

1387. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are various schemes of the National Cooperative Development Corporation for giving aid and/or benefit to the farmers;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of aid and benefit which has been given in kind and cash to the farmers on each scheme in various districts of Gujarat during the period from 1981 to 1985 and what was the actual target fixed for the same;

(d) what is the target fixed for 1986 and 1987; and

(e) whether it is a fact that there are proposals, demands and recommendations from various quarters to enhance and to add some other schemes so that more and more benefit and aid could be given to the farmers if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken to fulfil the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) The National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), a promotional and developmental financing institution, is responsible for country-wide planning and promotion of programmes through cooperatives for storage, marketing and processing of agricultural produce, supply of agricultural inputs and consumer goods in rural areas and for development of cooperatives, etc. Assistance from NCDC is provided to farmers cooperatives as part of the central sector/centrally sponsored schemes of the Government, and also Corporation sponsored schemes.